

# EXHIBIT 17

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**Subject:** RE: Preston Staats

Michael:

That schedule is too short, especially since we have not seen your motion. We propose making our response due on Friday.

I also want to reiterate that Staats is available for a deposition on Aug 31 and Knuth is available on September 3 and they won't be made available at a later time if your motion fails. I will need to know if you change your mind about deposing Dr. Staats today, per the e-mail I sent this morning.

Kirstin

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**From:** Strapp, Michael [mailto:MStrapp@goodwinprocter.com]  
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Kirstin,

As set forth in Scott's email below, we will file a motion to exclude Dr. Staats and Mr. Knuth this Monday, August 30. In light of the September 7 final pretrial conference and the September 13 trial date, we propose an expedited briefing schedule whereby Lawson files its opposition this Wednesday, September 1 and ePlus files a reply on Friday, September 3. Please let me know before this Monday whether this briefing schedule is acceptable.

Sincerely,

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